

Second Presbyterian Church
OIL CITY, PA.

Arthur B. McCormick, Minister
113 REED STREET

Oct. 18, 1937

Dear Doctor Robinson:

Your paper was the first to announce that the BANNER would go out of circulation. We shall make the official announcement in a couple of weeks. It is a matter of great sorrow to me and I am sure it will be a loss to the Church. I pray that you may carry on, for the people need the news and the guidance of the editorial pages. Long may you live!

A matter of business. No department of the BANNER has met with more favorable comment these last months than my page, The World As I See It. Would the PRESBYTERIAN be at all interested in having it as a regular feature?

Fraternally Yours,

Arthur B. McCormick

RAYMOND BARNETT KNUDSEN

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October 25, 1937

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Enclosed I am sending to you a carbon of a letter which I have just mailed to the Macmillan Company of New York City. I was very happy to receive your letter today, and I realize the very difficult task which you have taken upon yourself, especially because I have found so much difficulty during the past eighteen months, in centering my entire interests in making this project a success, and I trust through the grace of God that it shall be.

I have Chapter Nine practically completed, but I am waiting upon your chapter before completing this that I may include it in this important chapter. However, do not let me rush you, for it is our aim to make this publication the best possible, and if it takes a week, month, or year to do it I am convinced that our waiting will be worth while.

Thank you so much for your kind offer in being of assistance in New York if necessary. As yet, there seems to be nothing that we can do at the present, but I assure you that I will let you know if there is anything that arises, and to any extra work which you do on this project I shall be glad to add to your percentage, although we cannot be assured of anything just yet. It might be well for me to "not count my chickens before they are hatched."

Last week I received a copy of the reply to the question as to what caused the World War asked by the Australian Government of a prominent world leader. This world leader sent to me a copy of this reply with the right of "carte blanche" but asked that I keep his name in secret. I intend to use this in the concluding chapter.

Everything that is being done on this mss. seems to be under the direction of Jesus Christ our Lord. Surely our combined prayer through faith cannot fail in making this publication a great success. May God continually bless you in all that you do. Thank you so much for your help which I appreciate so much.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond B. Knudsen

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October 25, 1937

The Macmillan Company, Publishers
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

During the course of the past few weeks I have received a letter from my friend, Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, stating that he had received a letter from your most honorable firm requesting permission to read the manuscript of "What Price Peace" when it is completed. Since I am the editor of this mss., Dr. Robinson sent to me this information.

"What Price Peace" has been planned to be a book edited by my humble self and composed of approximately fifty thousand words. This mss. is divided into ten chapters which are entitled, with the authors, as follows:

- I. Peace and War
by Raymond Barnett Knudsen
- II. The World War
by T. H. Erb, Professor of American
and World Problems in the South
Denver High School in Denver,
Colorado.
- III. Peace In Europe
by Arthur Brisbane, Columnist who passed
away December 25, 1936; five days
after completing this chapter.
- IV. Peace In China
by Dr. Hugh W. White, Editor of the China
Fundamentalist Magazine in Yenchang
Kiangsu, China.
- V. The Price of Peace
by E. Guy Talbot, Western Secretary for
the National Council of Prevention
of War.
- VI. The Munition Makers and War
by Raymond Barnett Knudsen
- VII. Christ's Standard for Peace
by Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, Editor of
The Presbyterian.
- VIII. As American Citizens
by Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of
the United States of America, 1932 - .
- IX. Facing the Future
by Raymond Barnett Knudsen

To prepare this mss. has been a tremendous task which I expect, after over eighteen months, to be completed on or before December the first, of this year. Correspondence with world figures; study of inexhaustible statistics and data by international

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societies; and the study of publications and periodicals, both old and contemporary, on this subject have been made. Yet, after all of this work, each of the seven writers have agreed not to profiteer off of this publication, but we do ask an ample sum to pay us, in part at least, for our diligent work.

Throughout our study we have found one thing, that is-- over ninety percent of the publications on this subject are written to experience only a short life. Because of this danger, the writers of this mss. have made it their goal to write in such a style to produce basic fundamentals that this publication may live for years to come.

The books which your commendable firm has published, are indeed un-equalled in subject matter not alone, but also in printing and binding which adds to it the "material worth." Because of my esteem for Macmillan Company, I will give your firm preference over all previous requests to censor the mss., and also agree that no other firm have whatsoever to do with it until you have given your estimate and comments. If your offer is then agreeable we can proceed and cooperate to publication in every way.

I will appreciate your immediate approval on my said offer that the mss. may be sent to you immediately upon completion. In the meanwhile I take off my hat to your matchless firm for its superior publications which I take pride in calling "my own" in my library.

May God abundantly bless you that The Macmillan Company may continue with even greater success as the world's leading publishers.

Very sincerely yours,

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

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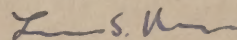
at Chicago

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have received your letter of October 23rd now at Chicago, and thank you for it. In view of our walk and talk last evening, it would seem as if this friendly letter requires only a cordial acknowledgment, which I am now sending, assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in making THE PRESBYTERIAN the well known periodical it ought to be.

Yours sincerely,



Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

Second Presbyterian Church

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Oct. 29, 1937

Dear Doctor Robinson:

Your telegram just received. I cannot give you a definite answer until I consult my new "boss"--the Board of Christian Education. Until of December the 16th, when the BANNER finally goes under, I understand I am to continue the paper as it is, and I am to get my orders from Philadelphia. It is hardly likely they would wish to have my page appear in both papers. As soon as I can get word from them I'll write you.

Would you be willing to run my page as a sort of a syndicated page? My idea is to have it used by a number of different Church papers, only one to a Denomination, so there would be no possible doubling up. If I could get several papers to use it the cost would be less to each one severally and the revenue to me would be somewhat larger. However, it might be better to make it an exclusive page in some paper of repute.

I have been wondering how you folks are getting on financially. Kerr's statement in yesterday's BANNER shows how far behind we have been running every years. I do hope the PRESBYTERIAN can go on, for the Church needs its ministry. There is room for it and Pageant, too, for the latter will be something different.

Thanking you for your invitation, which I greatly appreciate, and hoping that we can do business a bit later,

I am,

Cordially yours,

Arthur B. McCormick